NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Peter R. Orszag, of Massachusetts, to be Director, who was introduced by Representatives Spratt and Paul Ryan, and Robert L. Nabors II, of New Jersey, to be Deputy Director, who was introduced by Representative Obey, both of the Office of Management and Budget, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Steven Chu, to be Secretary of Energy, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Feinstein

and Boxer, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Hillary R. Clinton, to be Secretary of State, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Arne Duncan, to be Secretary of Education, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Durbin, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

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Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 33 public bills, H.R. 2, 460–491; 1 private bill, H.R. 492; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 20; and H. Res. 50–51, 54–58, were introduced. **Pages H194–96**

Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed on January 3, 2009 as follows:

Legislative Review Activities of the Committee on Foreign Affairs for the 110th Congress (H. Rept. 110–939);

Report on Legislative and Oversight Activities of the House Committee on Homeland Security for the 110th Congress (H. Doc. 110–940);

Report on the Activities of the Committee on the Judiciary during the 110th Congress (H. Doc. 110–941); and

Report of the Activities of the Committee on Armed Services for the 110th Congress (H. Doc. 110–942).

Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 52, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2) to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the Childrens Health Insurance Program (H. Rept. 111–1) and

H. Res. 53, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 384) to reform the Troubled Assets Relief Program of the Secretary of the Treasury and ensure accountability under such Program (H. Rept. 111–2).

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Edwards (MD) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:55 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. Page H169

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measures:

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Mentoring Month 2009: H. Res. 41, to support the goals and ideals of National Mentoring Month 2009, by a ²/₃ yea-and-nay vote of 411 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 11; Pages H171-73, H182

Honoring the life of Claiborne Pell, distinguished former Senator from the State of Rhode Island: H. Res. 50, to honor the life of Claiborne Pell, distinguished former Senator from the State of Rhode Island, by a ²/₃ yea-and-nay vote of 415 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 12;

Pages H173-76, H183

Recognizing the efforts of those who serve their communities on Martin Luther King Day and promoting the holiday as a day of national service: H. Res. 43, to recognize the efforts of those who serve their communities on Martin Luther King Day and to promote the holiday as a day of national service, by a yea-and-nay vote of 415 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 13; and Pages H176-79, H183-84

Authorizing and directing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire whether the House should impeach G. Thomas Porteous, a judge of the United